

WILLIAM H. NATCHER BRIDGE

JUNE 18, 1996.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SHUSTER, from the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 3572]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3572) to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the “William H. Natcher Bridge”, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

H.R. 3572 would designate the bridge currently under construction on United States Route 231 near Owensboro, Kentucky, in honor of the late William H. Natcher, who served as a Representative from the Commonwealth of Kentucky for over 40 years.

Congressman William H. Natcher was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, on September 11, 1909. He graduated from Western Kentucky State College in 1930 and from Ohio State University’s law school in 1933. During World War II, Mr. Natcher served in the U.S. Navy from 1942–1945. He began his many years of public service serving as Federal Conciliation Commissioner for the Western District of Kentucky, County Attorney of Warren County, and Commonwealth Attorney before being elected to Congress in a special election in 1953. Mr. Natcher was a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, serving as chairman of two different subcommittees and then rising to assume chairmanship of the full Committee in 1993. While in Congress, Mr. Natcher cast a record 18,401 consecutive votes—not missing 14,161 rollcall votes and 4,240 quorum calls over a 40-year period. Each year he issued only

one press release, and that was to announce his voting record. Mr. Natcher died in office on March 29, 1994.

It is particularly fitting that this bridge be named in honor of Mr. Natcher since construction of this bridge was one of his top legislative priorities. He has been credited with being responsible for laying the groundwork for the bridge and securing Congressional support for its construction.

Mr. Natcher's many years of dedicated public service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to the House of Representatives are truly deserving of being recognized through the naming of this bridge as the "William H. Natcher Bridge."

COMMITTEE ACTION

On June 6, 1996, the Committee ordered the bill reported, by voice vote, without amendment, with a quorum present. In the 103d Congress, the House passed an identical bill, H.R. 4980, on September 22, 1994.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

With respect to the requirements of clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and clause 2(b)(1) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, no oversight findings or recommendations are included in this report.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee estimates that the enactment of H.R. 3572 will have no significant inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XI

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, H.R. 3572 does not contain any new budget authority or new credit authority.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight on the subject of H.R. 3572.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for H.R. 3572 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, June 7, 1996.

Hon. BUD SHUSTER,
*Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House
of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 3572, a bill to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge," as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on June 6, 1996. We estimate that enacting H.R. 3572 would result in no significant cost to the federal government. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

In addition, H.R. 3572 contains no intergovernmental or private sector mandates as defined by Public Law 104-4 and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is John R. Righter.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL, *Director.*

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